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SUBJ: NINE CONDEMNED TO DEATH

1. MILITARY COURT HAS REACHED FOLLOWING VERDICTS WHICH RATIFIED AND ANNOUNCED BY SMC LATE APRIL 9. NINE CONDEMNED TO DEATH, 22 GIVEN LIFE IMPRISONMENT, FIVE GIVEN FIVE YEARS, TWO GIVEN TWO YEARS, ONE GIVEN ONE YEAR, TWO ACQUITTED, ONE EXPELLED.

2. GOVERNMENT HAS SO FAR GIVEN NO NAMES OR INDICATIONS OF HOW OR WHEN DEATH SENTENCES WILL BE CARRIED OUT. ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS THAT DESPITE "URGENT PROCEDURES" THE COURT OF STATE SECURITY WHICH SPECIALLY CONSTITUTED APRIL 1 AS A COURT MARTIAL CAREFULLY EXAMINED EACH CASE AND REACHED BALANCED CONCLUSION.

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3. OUR GUESS IS THAT NINE INCLUDE:

CAPTAIN BAYERE MOUSSA -- FORMER MINISTER

SIDI MOHAMMED -- CHIEF OF CABINET, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

AHMED MOUDDOUR -- SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNTN

LIMAN CHAFI (NOT CAUGHT) -- ARMS SUPPLIER

IDRISSA BOUBE -- HEAD OF COORDINATION AT SURETE

YAOU HAROU (NOT CAUGHT) -- SURETE OFFICIAL

FNU KADIR -- SURETE OFFICIAL

ISSAKA DAN KOUSSOU -- NIAMEY "INTELLECTUAL" WHO ORGANIZED
PLOTTERS MEETINGS

KHAMED MOUSSA -- FORMER DEPUTY

4. COMMENT: PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE TOLD AMBASSADOR
APRIL 7 THAT COURT HEARINGS WERE PROCEEDING IN ORDERLY
FASHION WITH DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR ACCUSED, AND
OTHER FEATURES OF FRENCH JUDICIAL SYSTEM.
PRESIDENT ALSO SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MERCY AND
THAT IN AFRICA STERN PUNISHMENT HAD TO BE METED OUT
IN CASES LIKE THIS.HECK

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